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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: SYRIA OPEN FOR EXPLORATION

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1. MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY (MEES) JUNE 13 CARRIES FOLLOWING  
ITEM TITLED "SYRIA OPENS 12 AREAS FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDS."

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2. SYRIA HAS OPENED TWELVE AREAS--ELEVEN ON-SHORE AND ONE

OFF SHORE--FOR OIL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT BIDS UNDER PRODUCTION-SHARING OR SERVICE-CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS. THE TWELVE AREAS (SEE MAP OVERLEAF)--WHICH COVER ALL SYRIAN ACREAGE OUTSIDE THE AREAS NOW HELD BY THE STATE-OWNED SYRIAN PETROLEUM COMPANY, ROMPETROL OF RUMANIA AND THE U.S. TRIPCO GROUP--ARE DIVIDED INTO SMALL BLOCKS OF ABOUT 100 SQUARE KILOMETERS, OR 2,500 ACRES EACH. THE TERMS SPECIFIED BY SRYIA INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: COMPANY COSTS TO BE RECOVERABLE FROM 40 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION; NEGOTIABLE PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENTS; MINIMUM EXPLORATION COMMITMENTS PROVIDING FOR AT LEAST A SEISMIC SURVEY AND EXPLORATION DRILLING, SUPPORTED BY A LETTER OF GUARANTEE; AND COMPETITIVE SIGNATURE AND PRODUCTION BONUSES. FURTHER DETAILS, INCLUDING DATA ON SEISMIC AND WELL LOGS, ARE AVAILABLE BY APPLICATION TO: HEAD OF PETROLEUM CONTRACTS GROUP, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES, DAMASCUS (TELEX: 11006, CABLES: PETSRYIA).

3. MAP SHOWS THAT 12 AREAS COVER ENTIRE COUNTRY EXCEPT FOR SOUTHWEST, NORTHEAST AND SCATTERED BLOCKS ALREADY HELD BY SYRIAN PETROLEUM CORP. AND ROMPETROL AND TRIPCO'S OFF-SHORE BLOCK. AREA NO. 12 IS OFFSHORE BEYOND TRIPCO.

4. DAMASCUS FOLLOWING UP.  
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